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SUBJECT: SECVISIT GHANA CANCELS VISIT

- 1. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ROBERT FUNSETH, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE TRAVELING PRESS ABORAD THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE KINSHASA AT ABOUT 8 P.M. (KINSHASA TIME, APRIL 27).
- 2. QUOTE. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BLACK IN GHANA REPORTING THAT SHE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GHANA HAS BEEN CANCELLED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE HEAD OF STATE.
- 3. THE REASON GIVEN BY THE GHANAIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS THE POOR HEALTH OF ACHEAMPONG.
- 4. WE REGRET THAT THE VISIT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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5. I WOULD NOTE THAT AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA IS BASED ON PERMANENT

## INTERESTS AND IS NOT AFFECTED BY INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS.

6. ON BACKGROUND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WERE MANY PRESSURES ON THE GOG FROM MANY FOREIGN SOURCES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THAT WE KNOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN AGITATING WITH THE GOG AND AMONG GHANAIAN STUDENT GROUPS. WE WERE PLANNING TO PROTEST THIS SOVIET ACTIVITY. END BACKGROUND. KISSINGER

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